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Title	: Process for Obtaining a Natural Mixture of Conjugated Equine Estrogens Depleted in Non-Conjugated Lipophilic Compounds		

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect the following species:

Initial Aqueous Phase

Applicants hereby elect "an aqueous solution of a natural mixture of conjugated estrogens from pregnant mares' urine already depleted in phenolic constituents." Claims 1-18 all read on this species.

Non-conjugated Lipophilic Compound

Applicants hereby elect non-conjugated flavenoids as the non-conjugated lipophilic compound. Claims 1-18 also all read on this species.